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THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## BANKS.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853;  
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$300,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....\$80,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$345,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per  
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.  
" " 6 " " 3 " " 2 " "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong,  
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [33]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$5,500,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRTORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
A. MC CONACHIE, Esq.—Chairman.  
ST. C. MICHAELSON, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.  
Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Esq.  
G. B. Dodwell, Esq.  
M. D. Ezekiel, Esq.  
R. Shaw, Esq.  
R. M. Gray, Esq.  
N. A. Sieba, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:  
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER:  
Shanghai—J. WADE GARDNER, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COULDRETT  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 15th February, 1896. [31]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per  
cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [32]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:  
D. Glazier, Esq., Chow Tung Shang, Esq.,  
H. Stolzenhoff, Esq., Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.,  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,  
Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,125,000  
PAID-UP.....\$600,000

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 Months.....4 per cent.  
" 6 " " 3 " "

J. W. R. TAYLOR,  
Manager, Hongkong,  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [8]

## Notice of Firms.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPAA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. R. DAVID GILLIES having returned to  
the Colony has RESUMED CHARGE  
of this Company as GENERAL MANAGER.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 5th May, 1896. [776]

GEORGE FENWICK AND COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that during my  
Temporary Absence from the Colony,  
Mr. WILLIAM G. WINTERBURN has been  
appointed ACTING GENERAL MANAGER  
of the above Firm.

By Order,  
GEO. FENWICK,  
General Manager,  
Hongkong, 8th April, 1896. [67]

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned beg to notify  
the Public that we have This Day  
PURCHASED from Messrs. WING CHEONG  
& Co. the STOCK-IN-TRADE, FIXTURES  
and GOODWILL of their BUSINESS as  
MERCHANTS and SHIPCHANDLERS, and  
the Business will be conducted from this 18th  
day of February, 1896, as heretofore.

FOOK CHONG & Co.,  
No. 44, Praya Central,  
AH YON,  
Manager, Partner,  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1896. [69]

## INSURANCES.

THE STANDARD  
is one of the LARGEST and BEST KNOWN  
of the BRITISH LIFE OFFICES.

FUNDS exceed EIGHT MILLIONS STERLING.  
ANNUAL REVENUE OVER ONE MILLION  
STERLING.

For Forms of Proposal and every Information,  
Apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, and March, 1896. [464]

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY.  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1893.

CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000  
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....\$2,180,000  
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIUM.....\$1,757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the  
above Company we are prepared to accept  
EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS  
at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents,

Hongkong, and January, 1896. [59]

EMPEROR ASSURANCE CORPORATION,  
LIMITED.

FIRE AND MARINE.

WE have This Day been appointed  
AGENTS, and are prepared to accept  
RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, 28th April, 1896. [742]

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NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above  
Company are prepared to accept First  
CLASS FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSSEN & Co.,  
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [34]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000  
EQUAL TO.....\$83,333-33-

RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LIU SING, Esq., LO YEE MOON, Esq.,  
LOU TSO SHUW, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [43]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSUNG FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 24th May, 1895. [247]

Intimations.

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

A N ISSUE of B SHARES is offered to the  
Registered Shareholders of the above  
COMPANY in the proportion of one B Share for  
every Share they hold. Every Shareholder on  
the Register on THURSDAY, the 23rd instant,  
will be entitled to an allotment of one B Share  
for every Share, whether A or B, registered in  
his name. All applications must be made on  
forms for the purpose, which may be obtained  
at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION on and after the 23rd instant,  
and must be filled up and lodged with that Bank  
on or before THURSDAY, the 7th May next,  
together with a sum of ONE DOLLAR for every  
Share applied for as a first instalment. A  
Receipt will be given, which must be forwarded to  
the COMPANY in charge for Scrip. No  
further call will be payable in respect of these  
Shares without at least two months' notice.

The SHARE REGISTER will be CLOSED  
from THURSDAY, the 23rd instant, to THURSDAY,  
the 7th day of May following, both days  
inclusive, during which period no Transfer of  
Shares can be Registered.

John D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 13th April, 1896. [658]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having PURCHASED  
from the GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING BUSINESS

the same will, from this date, be carried on under  
the Name of COTTAM & CO., at No. 3,  
PEDDER'S STREET, HONGKONG HOTEL  
BUILDINGS.

J. P. COTTAM,  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1896. [765]

BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT.

MESSRS. E. RICCO & CO.,  
24, QUEEN'S ROAD,

beg to Announce the TRANSFERENCE

of their Business from HONGKONG to  
MADAGASCAR and the consequent Wind-  
up of the HONGKONG BRANCH.

All Accounts AGAINST the FIRM must  
be lodged before the 15th MAY, 1896, and  
Customers INDEBTED to the FIRM are  
requested to make PAYMENT as early as  
possible.

E. CHOSSELER,  
Attorney for the Liquidation.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1896. [778]

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FOOK CHONG & Co.,  
No. 44, Praya Central,  
AH YON,  
Manager, Partner,  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1896. [69]

## Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS  
London, etc., Peking ..... J. F. Jephson ..... Noon, 7th May ... { See Special  
Advertisement.

JAPAN, etc., Ancona ..... W. D. Middle ..... About 8th May ... { Freight or Passage.  
(Passing through the Island Sea.)

LONDON ..... Fiume ..... R. W. Case ..... About 16th May ... { Freight or Passage.

JAPAN, etc., Japan ..... T. Leigh ..... About 16th May ... { Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI ..... Rosetta ..... G. K. Wright, R.N.R. .... About 17th May ... { Freight or Passage.

LONDON ..... Ceylon ..... C. E. Baker ..... About 29th May ... { Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent, Hongkong, 6th May, 1896. [431]

THE PHARMACY.

TAN SAN, TAN SAN, TAN SAN.

This refreshing and invigorating Table Water contains 8 per cent. more IRON CARBONATE  
than any Water from similar Spas.

Sole Agents for HONGKONG and SOUTH of CHINA.

FLETCHER & CO.  
and CARMICHAEL & CO.

MEALS

MONTHLY RATES FOR  
AT H.M. HOTEL

\$12.00  
\$15.00  
\$20.00  
\$25.00  
\$30.00

ALL 3 MEALS  
Dinner  
Breakfast

FRESH DAIRY BUTTER

the product of the PRINCE OF WALES DAIRY COMPANY, India. This

BUTTER is guaranteed PURE and of THE FINEST QUALITY.

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY,  
CENTRAL MARKET.

PRICE, for Single 1 lb. tin ..... 50 Cents.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1895. [49]

THE CLUB HOTEL, METROPOLE,  
5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

1, TSUKUJI, TOKYO.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT Experienced English matron in attendance.

Ho-day's  
Advertisements.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER-OF-COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 14th Inst., at 3.30 P.M. at the ROOMS of the CHAMBER, CITY HALL, for the Purpose of Receiving the Report of the Committee and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1896. [782]

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

I AM informed by Telegraph that the following SANITARY REGULATIONS have been put in force at SHANGHAI from TO-DAY.

H. M. HILLIER,  
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.  
Hongkong, 6th May, 1896.

HARBOUR NOTIFICATION.

No. 1 OF 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that with a view to prevent the importation of Plague into Shanghai, the following Regulations are published at the request of the Tantai, acting upon the recommendation of the Consular Body, and that they will be strictly enforced so soon as necessary means for so doing have been arranged. The date from which they are to be enforced in their entirety will be notified later, and, pending such notification, which affects 11, Rules 3, 4 and 7, the remaining rules are in full force and effect.

1.—General Rules: the "Sanitary Regulations for the Port of Shanghai" as published in July, 1874, remain in force, except that Regulation 4 shall read:

"Such vessels shall anchor two miles below the Lower Limit of the Harbour, and River Police Constables will be placed to keep watch outside the vessels so as to allow no one to go on board or to leave them, pending the Health Officer's decision."

II.—Special Rules supplementing the above so far as vessels from infected ports are concerned.

1.—All vessels arriving at Shanghai from Hongkong or Canton or any other infected port which may be called at intermediate ports or not, shall be medically inspected.

Inspection can only be made during daylight from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. Vessels arriving after 6 P.M. will be required to remain below the limit named in Rule 2 until inspected.

2.—This inspection shall be carried out two miles below the Lower Harbour Limit as provided in the Harbour Regulations.

3.—All baggage and cargo considered dangerous by the Inspecting Officer shall be landed on the Pooling shore and disinfected with sulphur vapour.

4.—In case there are no persons suffering from Plague on board, the vessel shall be admitted to quarantine—after the landing of baggage if necessary—as provided for in Rule 3.

5.—In case there are persons suffering from Plague on board, the vessel shall not come nearer to Shanghai than the limit named in the preceding Rule 2 until the instructions of the Inspecting Officer have been carried out and a written certificate to that effect furnished by the Inspecting Officer to the Commanding Officer of such vessel.

6.—Every vessel bound to Shanghai from an infected port, and being detained on account of her draught or for any other reason below the Wusong Inner Bar, shall, if there are any persons suffering from infectious disease on board, if there have been any deaths on board, from infectious disease during the voyage, be governed by Article 11 of the Harbour Regulations for Woosung, as regards her anchorage.

In the case of every vessel thus detained, no baggage, cargo, etc., shall be discharged from her and no passenger or other person shall disembark from her until she has been visited by a duly appointed Health Officer, for the time being, of the Port of Shanghai and then only in accordance with such Health Officer's directions.

Provided, however, that, in the case of such vessels as carry a duly qualified surgeon, passengers and their baggage may be transferred to steam tenders at Woosung, after all precautions necessary to prevent the spread of contagion by the same have been carried out under the direction of such surgeon, and the fact duly certified by him, in writing, for the information of the Harbour Authorities of the port; but every tender conveying passengers and/or baggage as above must stop two miles below the Lower Harbour Limit of Shanghai for inspection by the Health Officer of the port.

7.—A vessel coming to Shanghai from an infected port and detained below Woosung-Inner Bar, may, if there is no case of infectious disease on board and if there has not been any case of infectious disease during the voyage, discharge her passengers and their baggage into one or more steam tenders for conveyance to Shanghai; but every tender shall—as regards inspection, etc.—be governed by the preceding Rules.

A. M. BISBEE,  
Harbour Master.

Approved:—  
L.S. ROCHER,  
Commissioner of Customs.  
Custom House,  
Hongkong, 6th May, 1896. [783]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "KARLSRUHE".

THE above named Steamer having arrived  
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed  
that their Goods, with the exception of Opium  
Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and  
stored at their risk in the Godowns of the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery  
may be obtained.

Opium Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless  
notice to the contrary be given before 5 P.M.  
THIS AFTERNOON.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 13th instant will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns where they will be  
examined on MONDAY, the 11th instant, at 3  
P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 16th  
instant or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1896. [784]

Ho-day's  
Advertisements.

TO LET.

FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED, with  
immediate Possession, MACOMBE (PEAK  
ROAD).

Apply to

FRENCH CONSULATE,  
No. 1 Praya Central. [779]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

KARLSRUHE.

Captain H. Waller, will leave for the above  
place TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at 6 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1896. [759]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.  
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

HOHENZOLLERN.

will leave for the above Ports TO-MORROW,  
the 7th instant, at 6 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1896. [730]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

VINDOBONA.

Captain Bellon, will bear for the above places  
TUESDAY, the 12th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1896. [780]

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &  
COMPANY, LIMITED,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO.'S WATERS are  
made under the constant supervision of a duly  
qualified English Chemist and will bear compara-  
tive with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEETINGS and  
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the  
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1896. [427]

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE'S  
AND  
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,  
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood  
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-  
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the  
best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS.

with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PONT after removal should be rested a month  
before use. When required for drinking at  
once it should be ordered to be drawn at the  
Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner  
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are  
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Clarets, including the lowest  
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine  
product of the juice of the grape, and are not  
artificially made from raisins and currents  
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be  
pure Cognac, the difference in price being  
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent  
quality and of greater age than most brands  
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY  
marked "E" is universally popular, and is  
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs  
to be superior to any other brand in the  
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS  
to be genuine when bought direct from us  
in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the  
Coast Ports.

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DEATHS.

On the 5th May, at Windsor Hotel, Montreal,  
GEORGE FENWICK, of Victoria Foundry, Hong-  
kong.

On the 30th ult., at his residence "Wood-  
leigh," Singapore, FRANCIS GUMM BERNARD,  
eldest son of the late Alfred Bernard, aged 46  
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# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1896.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

**SHANGHAI AND NORTH CHINA.**  
We are indebted to our northern exchanges, dated to the 2nd inst., for the following items:—  
The Shanghai Swimming Baths were opened May 1st.

The Pehlo is more silted up than it has been for years.

New Indian Police quarters are being built in Tientsin.

Scam-launches are to be allowed on the Grand Canal.

A King's Daughters Bazaar in Shanghai lately netted \$500.

Tis. 10,000 has been donated to build a Y.M.C.A. hall at Tientsin.

The C.E. and Mining Co.'s mines turn out 1,000 tons of coal per day.

The new Shanghai-Formosa steamer line will not be started until June 1st.

The Shanghai shipping firms are agitating to have licensed upper river pilots.

The Shanghai Volunteers turned out 346 strong at the Annual Inspection.

The Shanghai A.D.C. is to repeat "The Schoolmarm" on the 1st inst.

The Soochow missionaries have contributed \$90 to the Armenian Relief Fund.

The river foreshore in Shanghai is causing much inconvenience by silting up.

Work on the railway from Shanhaiwan to North Klauchow began on the 2nd inst.

An American mining engineer has gone on a prospecting tour to the north of Peking.

The Shanghai Philharmonic Society gave an open-air concert on the 29th ult., at Chang Su-ho's Gardens.

Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., have contracted for the rails and cement for the Tientsin-Pekung railway.

## STRAITS AND SIAM.

We are indebted to files of our southern exchanges, dated to the 30th ult., for the following items:—

Cholera is rampant in the interior of Siam.

A Chinese temple is being built at Kuala Kubu.

Cocoanut planting has been started near Port Dickson.

The Chevalier de Kontski received an ovation in Medan-Dell.

The Siamese P.W.D. is to establish brick works of its own.

A Perak foot-ball team is to go to Penang to play a local team.

The deaths from cholera in Bangkok number from 30 to 40 per day.

A new set of postage stamps for Federated Malaya is to be issued.

An organised band of gamblers "works" the Perak-Penang steamers.

All vessels from Singapore are quarantined at Padang for fear of cholera.

The 5-h. Fussiliers gave a St. George's dance in Singapore on the 20th ult.

Description is reported to be of frequent occurrence among the Perak Sikhs.

20.50 ounces of gold were exported from Ulu district, Pahang, during March.

A Chinese tiger tamer was mauled by tigers in Harrison's circus at Madras.

Salmon vaccine lymph is found more reliable than English lymph at Pahang.

The Lankit oil producers propose to establish their central works at St. George's.

The Singapore Philharmonic Society gave seven concerts during last week.

The Slave & Pawn-brokers' Law was enacted on the 9th inst. of the Reign.

A twelve year old lad was carried off by a crocodile at Changi on the 25th ult.

An abnormal heat wave has been passing over India recently. No rain has yet fallen.

The gross revenue of the Tanjong Peleg Dock Company (Ltd.) last year was £82,487.

The auguries in Siam, recently officially consulted, gave but poor promise of rain this year.

The German Consul at Bangkok insists that the Spirit Former has no right to search German vessels.

From the 14th to the 21st April there were 53 cases of cholera in Penang, of which 35 proved fatal.

Eight Chinese were recently arrested in Singapore charged with belonging to secret societies. They will be banished.

The doing of the Governor of Battambong, which were communicated to the King of Siam by one of his ladies, raised a storm in the Palace.

## JAPAN AND KOREA.

We take the following items from our Japanese exchanges, dated to the 30th ult.:—

With's Circus is in Tokio.

An elevated railway is proposed in Tokio. St. George's day was celebrated in Kobo with a ball.

A Spanish Trade commissioner is now in Tokio.

The police and tax-collectors in Formosa are to be armed.

The Korean peasants dread the rebels worse than the Japanese.

The police are now keeping a close watch on the Tokio lawyers.

Fifty Russian marines entered Seoul on the night of the 2nd ult.

The Tokio Dramatic and Musical Society gave a concert on the 25th ult.

The second Marine Produce Exhibition will be held in Tokio in September.

Korea has only three sources of revenue—Customs, land tax, and mines.

Between the 1st and 2nd ult., 47 cases of typhoid were reported in Kobo.

The Yokohama Superintendent of Customs gave a ball and dinner on the 28th ult.

The trial of rebels accused of killing Japanese in Korea is to be begun at an early date.

The military expenditure of Japan during the war is stated to have been 210 million yen.

A timber raft, with two cooles, was recently blown to sea off the coast of the Hokkaido.

On account of inderpast, the importation of cattle into Tokio from five prefectures is prohibited.

The Sanyo Railway Company made a profit of yen 513,082 during the second half of last year.

The total number of persons engaged in the late war who were attacked by epidemic disease was 23,385.

The Spring manœuvres of the Russian fleet in the East will commence in the Sea of Japan on May 10th.

The Emperor and Empress of Japan have sent 200 to the surfaces by the great fire in Kaiyūmō.

The Spanish Government has declined to allow a Japanese military attaché to accompany the forces in Cuba.

The Korean Government codes the ground for the Seoul-Chemupu railway, and has the option of purchasing it after fifteen years.

The Russian battleship "Empress Nikolai I." and the cruisers "Krivost" and "Gromoboy" left Nagasaki for Korea on the 21st April.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

### EXCHANGE COMPENSATION.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—Sometime in December last I encroached on your space with a letter of some length on the subject of Exchange Compensation to the subordinate members of the Civil Service of Hongkong. I beg you will now permit me, through the aid of your journal, to bring the matter afresh to the attention of the Government, in order that what I then contended as the settlement of an equality of privileges may be recognized and judiciously acted upon.

Since 1894 all these officers in Government employ who successfully established a claim for Exchange Compensation have been enjoying such privilege, which averages about 25 per cent, over and above their fixed salaries. Such as could not satisfactorily adduce evidence to show that they were connected with a gold-seeking country involving the expenditure of a large share of their pay were, and still are, under the disability of sharing in the benefits of Exchange Compensation. I understand these latter officers in a memorial to His Excellency the Governor, and later in a petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, failed to obtain a determination of their position. Discouraged, no doubt, by the ill-success that attended their first efforts no renewed attempt has apparently been made in the direction of gaining their end. Contrasted with this, one sees with much satisfaction the *esprit de corps* that animates the men similarly situated in Singapore.

The physical properties of wood and iron also differ in the one being absorbent and full of cracks and crevices for the accumulation of filth, and the other impervious and its pieces capable of a more complete combustion. These considerations have very evident and important bearing upon infection, air pollution, cleanliness, and disfection. Iron is also lighter than wood, strength for strength. This favours increased tonnage, provides more space, and, in lessening the size of beams and knees, furnishes fewer obstructions to the circulation of air. Armour-plating of sides and increased weight of ordnance have also caused greater beam and tonnage, and with abolition of sail power, have diminished, relatively, the number of men and largely increased the cubic air space per head. But iron and steel have a much greater specific gravity than wood, or water even. While every part of a wooden ship would float, the opposite is true of iron. Consideration of safety at sea and in a battle have led to the division of a ship by bulkheads into a number of water-tight compartments, and to the construction of a double bottom. The latter extends across the bilge, and is of course absolutely water-tight when the manhole plates are on. The air between them is therefore, from a sanitary point of view, outside the vessel, as its air is confined and it is shut off from the receipt of any refuse material whatever. Yet now that it has ceased to menace health, no portion of a ship receives greater care and attention, for the question is not one of sanitation, but of preservation of structure—the life of the ship, and not that of the men. Manhole plates are lifted with regularity, air is renewed by portable ventilators, and men are specially employed to crawl through the spaces and take care of the metal bottom which seeks to destroy itself by rusting. The old number of the *Singapore Free Press*, taken from the two memorials, which are, I am inclined to believe, identical in every respect, give below a paragraph taken from the last number in hand of the *Singapore Free Press*, which prompted the present communication to you:—

"We note with satisfaction that the memorial of Government subordinates for some revision of scale of pay consequent on a heavy rise in the price of necessities of life during the few past years is being recommended to the Secretary of State's consideration by the Governor. In view of the fact that exchange compensation has been claimed and taken on account of gubernatorial and other entertainment allowances, it would have been difficult to have avoided giving support to the certainly fully justified contentions of the subordinate Government servants."

It is satisfactory to note the spirit in which the *Singapore Free Press* makes the above remarks, and I don't think that the *Hongkong Free Press*, too, and through it the public, will regard their opposition to the claims of the subordinate officers in Hongkong as being a reflection on the Government's consideration of the matter. The Executive, Sir William Robinson should see fit to once again look into the memorial presented to him many months ago and grant the prayers thereof. Hongkong subordinate Government servants asked for no more—but certainly no less—than the Singapore petitioners do. And yet how totally different are the considerations received by the two memorials, which are, I am inclined to believe, identical in every respect. I give below a paragraph taken from the last number in hand of the *Singapore Free Press*, which prompted the present communication to you:—

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Yours faithfully,

CIVIS.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1896.

FOOTNOTES IN HUNAN.

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## THE RELATION OF NAVAL ARCHITECTURE TO PROPER SANITATION.

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In comparing the navy of the present with that of the past it may be stated that, from a sanitary point of view, the most important changes are closely associated with the difference in material of construction. Iron rusts and wood decays. The one is purely chemical, while the other is vital. The one is a simple process of oxidation, hastened by moisture and probably by electrical disturbances, but, as a rule, entirely independent of vital influences; the other is usually a complicated cause—a variety of death—in which complex molecules formed by plant-life are broken down into simpler compounds through the influence of animal and vegetable parasitic growth. The one is comparable to a slow burning, the other, much like a dead body, particularly in those parts most subject to bacterial and fungous growth. The difference between the present ship and that of the past, in this connection, is therefore very evident.

The British steamship *Caledonia*, with the French mail of the 10th April, left Singapore for this port at 3 p.m. on the 9th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 12th. This vessel brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 4th March.

### SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

### ARRIVALS.

*Canton* ..... steamer, from Saigon.

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*Freja* ..... " " Holbow.

*Mathilde* ..... " " Pakho.

*Kweilang* ..... " " Canton.

*Canton* ..... " " Australia.

*Chieku* ..... " " Kuching.

*Kachidok Maru* ..... " " Aggregating 8,803 tons register.

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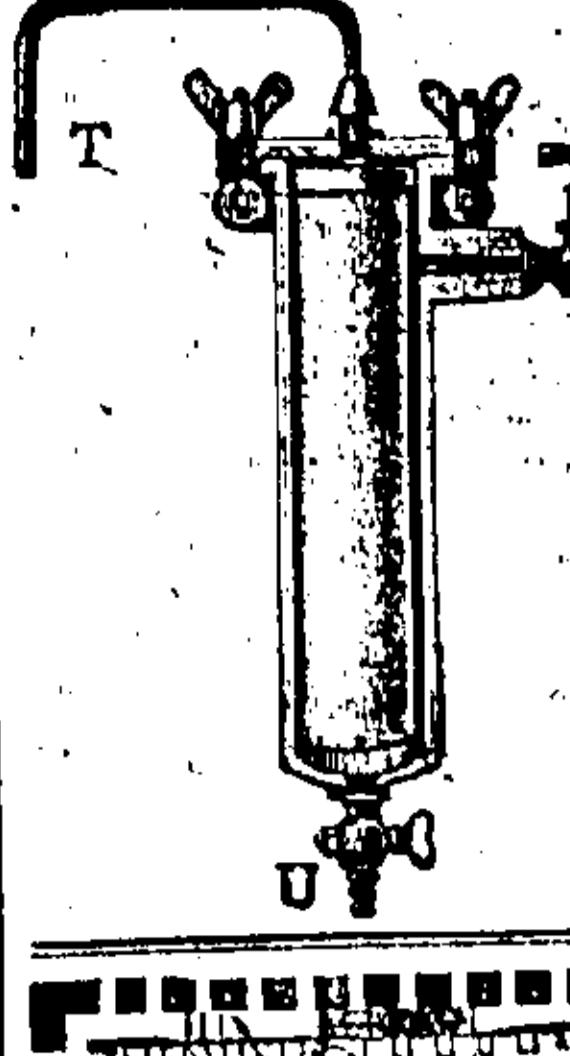
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